

Application No. : 10/720,335
Art Unit : 3637

Attorney Docket No. 23725.00
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IN THE DRAWINGS

A proposed drawing change to Fig. 3 was submitted in Applicants' previous response. See page 5 and the attachments following page 9 of the Amendment filed on September 29, 2005.

REMARKS

By the present amendment, Applicants have cancelled Claim 6. In the Amendment filed on September 29, 2005, Claim 1 was amended, Claims 5 and 7-12 were cancelled, and Claims 13-15 were added. Claims 1-4 and 13-15 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 13 are independent claims.

In the Office communication mailed November 3, 2005, the Examiner stated that Applicants' previous reply was not fully responsive to the Office Action of June 30, 2005. The Examiner noted that Applicants' reference to page 6 of the specification is inaccurate with regard to the objections to the drawings under 37 CFR § 1.83 (a). With regard to the requirement that the "opening" set forth in Claim 2 be shown in the drawings, Applicants have amended Fig. 3 to correctly show the removable flap **14** positioned to expose opening **14a**. Support for this arrangement is set out on page 5, lines 19-21, of the instant specification. With regard to the Examiner's requirement that "the spring member attached to the inner surfaces" as recited in Claim 6 be shown in the drawings, Applicants have cancelled the instant claim by the present amendment, which should serve to render this particular ground of objection to the drawings moot.

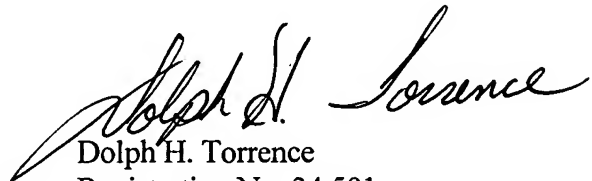
In the recent Office communication, the Examiner indicates that Applicants' inaccurate reference to page 6 in their previous reply results fails to address paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the prior Office Action. The cancellation of Claim 6 by the present amendment and the cancellation of Claim 9 by the prior amendment should serve to render these particular

grounds of criticism moot with regards to these claims. With regard to Claim 3, the drawing correction to Fig. 2 submitted with the previous amendment and the correct reference to page 5 of the instant specification, as mentioned in the paragraph immediately above, are considered to obviate the Examiner's objection to the specification and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 first paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the communication of November 3, 2005 have now been properly addressed.

The remaining issues set forth in the Office Action dated June 30, 2005 have been addressed in the amendment filed on September 29, 2005.

For the foregoing reasons and for those previously presented, Applicants respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If such is not the case, the Examiner is requested to kindly contact the undersigned in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,


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